quently, various other uses were considered and it was decided to use it as a Hotel-cum-Hostel for sports persons under the aegis of the Sports Authority of India.

Self Employment Scheme for youths

554. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently announced the introduction of a self employment scheme for the youths ;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ;

(c) by when the above scheme would be introduced in the country ; and

(d) to what extent the growing un-employment amongst youths in the country would be curbed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) A number of Self Employment Schemes for the Youth are already being implemented. A statement containing the details regarding some of the important scheme sponsored/ implemented by the Central/State Governments for the promotion of self employment is enclosed. (*See* below).

Statement

From the information available the following important schemes are being sponsored/implemented by the Central/State Governments for the promotion of self employment :

(A) *Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)* This programme aims at assisting rural families living below the poverty line by taking up activities in the field of Agriculture, animal Husbandary, Poultry etc. The scheme is funded by the Central and State Governments on 50:50 basis. The extent of subsidy is 25 percent for farmers, 33·3 percent for marginal farmers, agricultural labourers and Artisans and 50 percent for tribal families. The subsidy varies from Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 5000/-.Credit is available to IRDP beneficieries at 10% concessional rate of interest.

(B) *Training of Rural Youth for self Employment (TRYSEM)* TRYSEM is a scheme for improvement of technical skills to rural youth to take up self-employment. The expenditure on account of training is met out of funds earmarked for the IRDP. The assistance is in respect of monthly stipend to the trainees, supply of tool-kit once during the training period, payment to Institutions/ Master Craftsman and payment for the purpose of raw materials. The scheme also provides provision for strengthening of training infrastructure of training institutions.

(C) *Schemes for providing Self Employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth* The programme covers matriculates and above, between 18-35 years of age, in cities upto one million population and whose annual family income does not exceed Rs. 10,000/-. Composite loans varying from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 35,000 depending on the activities is paid, of which 25 percent is the subsidy. The scheme is implemented through the District Industries Centres and is fully financed by the Central Government. Loans sanctioned under this scheme attract interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum for specified backward areas and 12 percent for other areas.

(D) *Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP)* : The programme covers cities having population exceeding 10,000 and not covered under IRDP. Persons whose total family income does not exceed Rs. 600/- p.m are eligible for assistance under the programme. A borrower

eligible for a maximum loan of Rs. 5,000/- at an interest rate of 10 per cent per annum. A capital subsidy @25 per cent is provided.

(E) *Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development*

(i) *Training on Entrepreneurship* : Entrepreneuship Development Programme (EDP) for imparting various skills in planning and managing Enterprise are conducted in various parts of the country. Each of these programmes is of sixweeks duration and train about 20-30 Science and Technology participants.

(ii) *Infra-structural support for Self Employment* : In order to assist the perspective entrepreneurs a number of Entrepreneurship Development Cells (EDCs) and Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Parks (STEPs) have been established in various educational institutions Facilities for technology development and transfer, training, information etc. are provided)to the Science and Technological persons to get themselves self employed.

(F) *Nehru Rozgar Yojana* : The Nehru Rozgar Yojana has *Inter-alia* been designed for setting up Micro Enterprises relating to servicing, petty business and manufacturing for which there is lot of potential in urban areas and providing training and infrastructure support for urban poor beneficiaries. On an average a trainee will receive a stipend of Rs. 250/- p.m. mnd materials for training at an average rate of Rs. 100/- p.m. A trainer will receive on an average Rs. 1000/- as fees p.m. Training institutions can be provided support for equipments, materials, training' space etc. by the District Nehru Rozgar Yojana Committee to the extent of 10 per cent of the funds provided for training and infrastructure support. The sparcpacity available in the existing training institutions are utilised by running double shift and by suitable amendments in the curriculum and course duration. Loans will be available under this at 10 per cent concessional rate of interest. Borrowers will not be required to give collateral security and will not be required to hypotheticate the assets created by these loans.

(G) *Differential Rate of Interest Scheme (DRI)* : This scheme offers need based financial assistance to those who intend taking up any productive activity and has been tailored for persons whose income is very low. Under this scheme composite loan upto Rs. 6500/- or term loan of Rs. 5,000/- for acquisition of fixed assets and Rs. 1500/- for working capital is granted. The rate of interest is only four percent. These loans are advanced for agricultural/allied activities, cottage/rural industries.

Setting up of new sugar mills in the Country

555. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up more sugar mills in the country to conserve foreign exchange and for better price for sugarcane growers ;

(b) whether Government also propose to remove the restrictions of distance and propose to provide cane to sugar mills on priority basis ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) : (a) to (c). During 7th Five Year Plan, additional capacity of 61.44 lakh